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SUBJ: PRINCE SULTAN EXHIBITS CONTINUED INTEREST IN
POSSIBILITY OF SAUDI AID TO SOMALIA

REF : A. STATE 208044; B. MOGADISCIO 1404;
C. MOGADISCIO 1406

1. PRINCE SULTAN, SAUDI MINISTER OF DEFENSE, TOLD
AMBASSADOR SEPTEMBER 23 HE APPRECIATED THE INFORMATION
AND EVALUATIONS PROVIDED CONCERNING OTHMAN GELLI, HIS
SINCERITY AND STATURE. (REF B).

2. SULTAN SAID THE SOMALIS WILL BE ATTENDING THE ARAB
SUMMIT (OCT 26 AT RABAT) AND THAT THEY HAD SPECIFICALLY
ASKED TO HAVE A MEETING WITH HIM. HE ADDED HE WOULD TRY
AND MEET WITH PRESIDENT BERRI IN THE PRESENCE OF OTHMAN
GELLI IN ORDER TO OBSERVE THE REACTION AND INTERACTION
BETWEEN THE TWO SOMALIS TO WHAT HE (SULTAN) WOULD BE
SAYING. IN ESSENCE, HE WOULD EMPHATICALLY LAMENT THE
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN SOMALIA'S INTERNAL SECURITY
FORCES, RADIO, TV, PRESS, AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES
(DIRECT QUOTES FROM WHAT WE CONVEYED TO HIM BASED ON
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MOGADISCIO'S TELEGRAMS).

3. SULTAN SAID THEY WOULD FOLLOW OUR ADVICE OF KEEPING THE SAUDI CARROT DANGLING AND HE AGREED TO SAUDI FUNDS GOING TO SOMALIA FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS. SULTAN SAID HE WELCOMED EMBASSY MOGADICISO'S LIST OF WORTHWHILE PROJECTS NEEDING SAUDI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. HE SAID THAT THE SOMALIS WOULD ALSO BE ENCOURAGED TO PRESENT THE SAUDIS WITH THEIR OWN PROJECTS; THE SAG WOULD THEN ASK US TO EVALUATE THE SOMALI REQUESTS.
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